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ICAR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) undertakes any projects for water and soil conservation in the country;

(b) if so, whether ICAR has developed new technologies with respect to the said projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by ICAR for transfer of these technologies to farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. ICAR through Central Soil and Water Conservation Research & Training Institute, Dehradun alongwith its eight regional stations undertakes research projects specific to soil and water conservation in the country.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Bio-engineering technologies including water harvesting and integrated farming systems for rehabilitation of north-western and north-east Himalayas, Shivaliks, tribal Orissa and eastern Ghats, Nilgiries, semi-arid & arid regions, ravines, and torrents were developed.

(d) The technologies were transferred to farmers through training of implementers and demonstrations under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA), Institute-Village Linkage Programme (IVLP), Krishi Vigyan Kendras and State Extension Agencies.